

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RENUKA CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the need for fighting international terrorism was discussed in the UN Millennium Summit;
- (b) If so, whether India raised the issue of involvement of Pak in cross-border terrorism;
- (c) If so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether a resolution for the augmentation, expansion and reorganisation of the UN Security Council was adopted at the Summit; and
- (e) If so, the efforts made by Indian representatives to secure India's permanent Membership of the Security Council including the response of the Big Powers thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

- (a) Yes Sir. The need for fighting international terrorism was referred to by several 5 Heads of State/Government in the Millennium Summit. In the UN Millennium Declaration adopted at the conclusion of the Summit, they resolved to take concerted action against international terrorism.
- (b & c) In his statement at the Millennium Summit, Prime Minister Shri AB Vajpayee said that of the many other threats to peace, democracy and development, none has become as dangerous as international terrorism, with its links to religious extremism, drug trafficking and the commerce in illicit arms. Prime Minister also said that for more than a decade now, India has been a victim of cross-border terrorism that has claimed thousands of innocent lives, and called for united global action against these dangers.
- (d) In the UN Millennium Declaration the Heads of State/Government resolved to intensify efforts to achieve a comprehensive reform of the Security Council in all its aspects.
- (e) India declared herself a candidate for permanent membership of the Security Council in 1994 at the 49th UNGA. India's candidature for permanent membership of the Security Council continues to be one of the priorities of Government. The issue is taken up during bilateral visits, both at the political and official level. Several countries have expressed support for India's candidature at UN fora and/or bilaterally.